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Applicant: : Axel Grandt Confirmation No.: 2218  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December January 8, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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